



PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Bruno BORSOI et al.)
Appln. No. : 09/973,035) Group Art Unit 3728
Filed : October 10, 2001) Examiner Anthony D. Stashick
For : INNER TIGHTENING MECHANISM) Confirmation No. 5050
FOR FOOTWEAR)
Docket No. : P21548)
Cust. No. : 7055)

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114(c) AND
REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 20, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated May 20, 2003, and following an interview with Examiner Stashick on July 22, 2003, please enter the following amendment. Concurrently herewith, Applicants are also filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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